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(B): DIA 00437 151935Z JANUARY 68 —

1. REF (B) INDICATED DOD POSITION WITH RESPECT TO WORKLOAD PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED BY NPIC IN PRODUCING STELLAR ATTITUDE DATA AS INDICATED IN REF (A).

2. IN ORDER TO PROVIDE PARAMETER DATA FOR EACH SATELLITE MISSION AS COMPLETE AS POSSIBLE AND FOLLOW THE GUIDELINES INDICATED IN REF (A) THE FOLLOWING PROCEDURES WILL BE FOLLOWED:

A. REDUCE STELLAR DATA ON EACH KH-4 MISSION. THE ENTIRE MISSION WILL BE REDUCED EXCEPT FOR THOSE MISSIONS THAT COVER LARGE AREAS OUTSIDE THE SINO-SOVIET BLOCK. FOR THOSE MISSIONS, THE SINO-SOVIET BLOCK AREA COVERAGE WILL BE REDUCED FIRST, AND DEPENDING ON BACKLOG AND AVAILABILITY OF TIME, THE REMAINDER OF THE MISSION.

C. REDUCE STELLAR DATA FOR FRAMES OF A MISSION THAT ARE SPECIALLY REQUESTED. THESE REQUESTS SHOULD BE HELD TO A MINIMUM BECAUSE THEY WILL TEND TO DELAY PRODUCTION OF THE COMPLETE SET OF DATA.

3. THE CURRENT BACKLOG OF MISSIONS REQUIREING STELLAR ATTITUDE DATA HAS BEEN DUE TO SEVERAL FACTORS. NPIC IS VIGOROUSLY ATTACKING THIS BACKLOG SO THAT STELLAR ATTITUDE DATA WILL BE AVAILABLE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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